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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REFS: A)NDJAMENA 559; B)TEHRAN 1495; C)STATE 225966;
D)STATE 35267

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED VARIOUS DOCUMENTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGED WITH CHAD ON SUBJECT OF
MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT SUGGESTED
NOTE (REF A) IS NOT NECESSARY. USG DECLARATION OF
CHAD'S ELIGIBILITY FOR FMS SALES WAS CLEARLY STATED
IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1977 TO
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PRESIDENT MALLOUM. VARIOUS WAYS OF PROCURING U.S.
MILITARY EQUIPMENT WERE SPELLED OUT IN LETTER OF
OCTOBER 25, 1977 FROM UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO F.M.
KAMOUGUE.

2. SUGGEST AMBASSADOR MAKE FOLLOWING ORAL PRESENTATION
TO V. P. DJIME IN LIEU OF NOTE:

-- PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1977
INFORMED GOC OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION WHICH MADE
CHAD ELIGIBLE FOR FMS SALES AND THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS.
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 25, 1977

TO F. M. KAMOUQUE SPELLED OUT PROCEDURES TO BE
FOLLOWED IN ARRANGING FOR TRANSFERS OF U.S. MILITARY
EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD COUNTRIES.

--THE USG HAS ENCOURAGED IRAN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY REQUESTS FROM CHAD FOR
THE TRANSFER OF U.S. EQUIPMENT.

--WHILE WE CAN NOT PREDICT OR GUARANTEE WHAT THE
RESPONSE OF ANOTHER SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT WILL BE TO A
REQUEST FROM CHAD, WE BELIEVE THE INITIAL SOUNDINGS OF
IRAN SHOULD BE FOLLOWED-UP BY A DIRECT APPROACH TO THAT
GOVERNMENT.

--WE SUGGEST THAT THE GOC SUBMIT A NEW UPDATED LIST
OF ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO IRAN, TAKING
INTO CONSIDERATION THAT WE WILL NOT AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER
OF U.S. ORIGIN ATTACK AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS, LIGHT TANKS,
AND BOMBS.

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--THE NEW LIST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE A CHADIAN
DELEGATION IS SENT TO TEHRAN. THE MESSAGE TRANSMITTING
THE LIST MIGHT ALSO ASK THE GOI FOR A DATE WHEN A GOC
DELEGATION COULD DISCUSS IN TEHRAN THE REQUEST IN DETAIL.

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